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**Title:** SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE FORMED  
BY IN-SITU MODIFICATION OF  
DIELECTRIC LAYER AND RELATED  
METHODS

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: